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FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AEMR  
SUBJECT: CBS REPORTS EMBASSY PREVENTING ITS LOCALS FROM LEAVING

REF : STATE 094326

1. THIS CBS STORY IS FLATLY UNTRUE, BUT I WOULD HOPE IN YOUR PRESS STATEMENT TOMORROW YOU CAN COMPLETELY MINIMIZE ANY REFERENCE TO "EVACUATION" OF ANY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS, EITHER EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES OR OTHERWISE. THE REASON IS THAT THIS IS STILL ILLEGAL. EVERY COMMENT MADE ABOUT IT IS PICKED UP BY RADIO HANOI AND THE NLF RADIO AND USED WITH GREAT GLEE TO BELABOR THE GVN'S TACIT CONCURRENCE IN WHAT WE ARE DOING.
2. BRIAN ELLIS, WHO IS COORDINATION DEPARTURE OF VIETNAMESE LOCAL NATIONALS EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN MEDIA, HAS RAISED HELL WITH BRUCE DUNNING WHO HAS NOW APPARENTLY GONE TO GUAM. HE HAS ALSO ADVISED CBS NEW YORK THAT THE STORY WAS UNTRUE AND THAT A RETRACTION SHOULD BE RUN. I WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, YOU CAN CONFINE YOURSELF TOMORROW TO SAYING YOU HAD CHECKED WITH CBS NEWS HEADQUARTERS WHO HAD CONFIRMED THAT LATER INFORMATION SAID THE REPORT WAS INCORRECT AND HAVE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO SAY ABOUT THE MATTER.
3. IN THE END OUR PASSION TO BRAG ABOUT WHAT A WONDERFUL  
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JOB WE ARE DOING ABOUT EVACUATION, PARTICULARLY BY OUR

BRETHREN IN DEFENSE, WILL NOT REPEAT NOT GET OUT A LOT  
OF PEOPLE WE COULD HAVE OTHERWISE.  
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